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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools - Interstate Transfer of Military Personnel Dependents -**
3 **Reciprocity Agreements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to pursue reciprocity
5 agreements with other states regarding the terms of transfer of school-aged
6 student dependents of military personnel to or from the public schools of this
7 State; requiring reciprocity agreements to include certain procedures; requiring
8 the State Board to submit a certain report including certain information to
9 certain legislative committees on or before a certain date; and generally relating
10 to reciprocity agreements facilitating the interstate transfer of dependents of
11 military personnel to and from public schools.

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Education
14 Section 7-115
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Education**

20 7-115.

21 (A) TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF SCHOOL-AGED STUDENT DEPENDENTS
22 OF MILITARY PERSONNEL TO AND FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE, THE

1 STATE BOARD SHALL PURSUE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATES
2 REGARDING THE TERMS OF THOSE STUDENT TRANSFERS.

3 (B) A RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR:

4 (1) THE TIMELY TRANSFER OF STUDENT RECORDS;

5 (2) AWARDING CREDIT FOR COMPLETED COURSE WORK;

6 (3) ALLOWING A STUDENT TO SATISFY THE GRADUATION
7 REQUIREMENTS OF § 7-205 OF THIS TITLE THROUGH SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
8 COMPARABLE COURSES IN ANOTHER STATE; AND

9 (4) ALLOWING A STUDENT TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
10 MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS THROUGH SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE ON
11 COMPARABLE EXIT-LEVEL OR HIGH STANDARD ASSESSMENTS ADMINISTERED IN
12 ANOTHER STATE.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1,
14 2005, the State Board of Education shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation
15 Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the
16 House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee, in
17 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the results of its efforts
18 to enter into the reciprocity agreements. For each state with which the State Board
19 did not enter into a reciprocity agreement, the report shall include:

20 (1) a detailed description of the State Board's efforts to reach an
21 agreement; and

22 (2) an explanation of each factor contributing to the failure to reach an
23 agreement.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2004.